THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF Mr. IOHN KENDRICKE
late Citizen and Draper of
LONDON:

VVho departed this life the 30. day of
December, anno, 1624.

Full of notable workes of charity, worthy of lasting memory and imitation.

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IN the name of God, *Amen*.

The nine and twentieth of *December*, *Anno Domini* 1624. and in the two and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord King *Iames*, *&c.*

I *Iohn Kendricke* of the City of *London*, Draper, being sicke in Body, but of good and perfect mind and memory, (for which I giue most humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God) do make, ordaine, and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and forme following: (that is to say)

First and before all things, I commend and commit my Soule to Almighty God my Creator, trusting most assuredly to be saued by the death, passion, and onely merits of Iesus Christ my Sauiour and Redeemer.

And I will that my body bee decently interred in Chriſtian Buriall in the Pariſh of Saint *Chriſtopher*, where I dwell, as mine Executor hereafter named ſhall order and appoint.

Item, I giue and bequeath to 60 poore men to euery of them a Gowne of broad-cloath, to weare on the day of my buriall, and twelue pence a piece in money to pay for their dinners; the ſame poore men to be ſuch as my Executor ſhall appoint.

Item, I giue and bequeath blacke gowns and cloaks to be worne at my buriall by my Kindred, Friends, and Seruants, as my Executor ſhall thinke meet, not exceeding the ſumm of ſix hundred pounds in the ſaid gowns and cloakes, and the reſt of the charges of my Funerall.

Item, I giue and bequeath the ſumme of three ſcore pounds to be beſtowed vpon a dinner to bee prouided for my friends, and the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of S. *Chriſtopher*, where I now dwell, vpon the day of my buriall, and in ſuch place as my Executor ſhall think meet and conuenient.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, and Burgeſſes of the Town of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, (Imeane to the body corporate, or Corporation of the ſaid Towne of *Reading*, by whatſoeuer name or addition the ſame is made or knowne) the Summe of ſeuen thouſand and fiue hundred pounds, vpon ſpeciall truſt and confidence that they ſhall therewith perform theſe vſes following: (that is to ſay)

The ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes ſhall buy and purchaſe

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vnto them and their Succeſſors for euer, I ſay, to the Body Corporate of the ſaid Towne of *Reading*, by whatſoeuer name or addition the ſame is made or knowne, Lands and Hereditaments of the cleare value of fifty pounds by the year, ouer and aboue all charges and repriſes: which ſumme of fifty pounds a yeare, my will and meaning is, ſhall bee paid by the ſaid Mayor andBurgeſſes,and their Succeſſors,vnto my ſiſter *Anna Newman* yearly during her naturall life. And after her deceaſe the ſame yearly ſumme of fifty pounds ſhall be paid by the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes,and their Succeſſors,to the Ouerſeers for the poore of the ſaid towne of *Reading* for the time being yearly for euer. And by them the ſaid Ouerſeers for the time being,ſhall be beſtowed and diſtributed to and among the poore people of the ſaid Towne for euer: to wit, the moietie thereof euery halfe yeare, in ſuch ſummes,and to ſuch perſons as the ſaid Ouerſeers for the time being, ſhall thinke meet, according to the neceſſity and deſert of the ſame ſeuerall perſons.

Prouided alwayes, and my meaning is, that this my yearly gift ſhall not any way abridge the ſaid poore of the ordinary allowances vſually aſſeſſed and collected of the wealthier ſort of the Inhabitants of the ſaid town towards the reliefe of the ſaid poore people: but ſhall be vnto them an additament and cleare encreaſe of reliefe yearly for euer.

And if this my gift and prouiſion ſhall happen(which I truſt it ſhal not)to be by the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes, or by the ſaid Ouerſeers for the time being, ordered

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and diſpoſed contrary to my meaning thus declared, or that my will and deſire aboue expreſſed, touching the beſtowing and diſtribution of the ſaid ſumme of fifty pounds yearly be omitted, neglected, or left vnperformed by the ſpace of one whole yeare after it is by this my Will appointed to be diſtributed and beſtowed as aforeſaid: Then my will and meaning is, that the ſaid ſumme and reuennue of fiftie pounds a yeare ſhall be by the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes, and their Succeſſors for the time being for euer, paid vnto the Treaſurer of Chriſts Hoſpitall in *London*, and by the Gouernours of the ſame Hoſpitall employed and beſtowed in the reliefe and education of the poore children of the ſaid Hoſpitall: Or elſe that the ſaid Mayor and Burgeſſes for the time being, ſhall by their ſufficient Deed in Law conuey, and make ouer the lands and Hereditaments of the ſaid yearly value of fiftie pounds vnto the Maior and Communaltie, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors for euer, vnto the vſe of the ſaid Hoſpitall, to be employed as aforeſaid.

Prouided alwayes, that the ſaid fiftie pounds a yeare be yearly paid vnto my ſaid ſiſter *Anna Newman* during her naturall life: and after her deceaſe to the charitable vſes aforeſaid.

Moreouer, my will and meaning, as alſo my truſt and confidence in the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes of the Towne of *Reading*, is, that with another competent part of the ſaid ſumme of ſeuen thouſand fiue hundred pounds, ſo by mee deuiſed as aforeſaid, they the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes ſhall buy and purchaſe vnto them

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and their ſucceſſours for euer, a faire plot of ground within the ſaid towne of *Reading*, or the liberties thereof: and thereupon ſhall erect and builde a ſtrong houſe of Bricke fit and commodious for ſetting of the poore on worke therein; or elſe ſhall buy and purchaſe ſuch an houſe, beeing already built, if they can find one already fitting, or that may with a reaſonable ſumme bee made fit for the ſayd vſe; the ſame houſe to haue a faire garden adioyning, and to bee from time to time kept in good and ſufficient reparations by the ſayd Maior and Burgeſſes for the time beeing, for euer. Which Houſe and garden my wil is, ſhal be vſed and occupied by ſuch as the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes and their ſucceſſours from time to time for euer ſhal appoint and ordaine for the employing and handling of the ſtocke of money by me hereby left and deuiſed to that purpoſe.

And my will and meaning is, that the ſayd lands and hereditaments of the yearly value of fifty pounds; and alſo the ſaid houſe and garden beeing bought and purchaſed, as afore ſayd, with parcell of the ſaid ſumme of ſeuen thouſand fiue hundred pounds; then the whole reſidue and remainder of the ſame ſeuen thouſand and fiue hundred pounds ſhal make and be a common ſtock to be emploied and beſtowed in trade of clothing, eyther in making of coloured cloathes, or whites, as the time ſhall require; and alſo in working of Wooll, Hemp, Flax, Iron, grinding of braſill woods, and other ſtuffes for Dying or otherwiſe; as to the ſaide Maior and Burgeſſes afore-ſaide, and their Succeſſors for euer ſhall ſeeme conuenient for the employment of poore

people, and for the preſeruation and encreaſe of the ſaid common ſtocke.

And the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes, and their Succeſſors for euer, ſhall haue the election, placing, and ordering, as alſo the diſplacing (if cauſe bee) of all and euery perſon and perſons to be employed in the handling and husbanding of the ſayd common ſtocke in the houſe aforeſaid, according to their th ſayd Maior and Burgeſſes good diſcretion, from time to time for euer.

Wherein yet my deſire is, that they ſhall preferre the poore of the ſaid towne to the ſayd worke and employment before others of other places.

And for the performance of theſe premiſſes, my will is, that the ſumme of ſeuen thouſand and fiue hundred pounds before for this end by mee bequeathed to the ſayd Maior and Burgeſſes, ſhall bee paid vnto them or their Succeſſors, in mann r and forme following, (that is to ſay) two thouſand pounds thereof at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe: O her two thouſand pounds thereof at the end of two yeares next after the day of my deceaſe: And the reſidue of the ſayde whole Summe, being three thouſand and fiue hundred pounds at the end of three yeares next enſuing, after and from the day of ſuch my deceaſe.

But if it ſhall happen (as my truſt is it will not) that the ſayd Maior and Burgeſſes or their Succeſſors, ſhall neglect, omit, or faile to performe the premiſſes according to my will and meaning aboue declared, or ſhall miſ-employ the ſaid Stocke, contrary to the true intent

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As alſo my will and meaning is, that in this caſe of non-performance by the ſayd Mayor and Burgeſſes, the houſe and garden, to be purchaſed in *Reading*, as aforeſayd, ſhall be by the ſaid Mayor and Burgeſſes, and their Succeſſors, conueyed and made ouer by their Deede ſufficient in Law, vnto the ſayd Mayor and Communalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors for euer, to the like vſe of Chriſts Hoſpital in *London*, as aforeſaid.

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As alſo my will and meaning is, that in this caſe of non-performance by the ſayd Mayor and Burgeſſes, the houſe and garden to be purchaſed in *Reading*, as aforeſayd, ſhall be by the ſaid Mayor and Burgeſſes, and their Succeſſors, conueyed and made ouer by their Deede ſufficient in Law, vnto the ſayd Mayor and Communalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors for euer, to the like vſe of Chriſts Hoſpital in *London*, as aforeſaid.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbury* in the County of Berks, (I meane the Body corporate of the ſame Towne) the ſumme of foure thouſand pounds to buy and purchaſe therewith a commodious houſe and garden, within the ſame towne, or the liberties thereof, to ſet the poore on worke: and with the reſidue of the ſame Summe to make a common ſtocke for the imployment of the poore in the ſaid houſe, according to the good diſcretion of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgeſſes, from time to time for euer? And according to my meaning before declared in the deuiſing of the ſum of ſeauen thouſand and fiue hundered to Mayor, and Burgeſſes of the Towte of *Reading* to the like Vſe.

But my will and meaning is, that if it ſhall happen (which I truſt will not) that the ſayd Mayor, Aldermen and Burgeſſes, of the towne of *Nuburie*, or their ſucceſſors, ſhall neglect, or faile to performe my truſt and meaning hereby committed vnto them, or ſhall miſimploy the ſaid ſtocke contrary vnto my good intent to the poore before declared, by the ſpace of one whole yeare at any time after my ſaid Legacy ſhall bee payd vnto them; Then my Will and meaning is, that my ſaid whole Legacy of foure thouſand pounds, and euery part and parcell thereof ſhall thenceforth bee vtterly voyde and of none effect, as to, for, and concerning the ſayd Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbury*, and their ſucceſſors for euer: And that the

the ſaide whole common ſtocke ſhall bee by them the ſayde Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of *Newbery*, and their Succeſſours for the time being, foorthwith paide ouer vnto the Maior and Burgeſſes of the Towne of Reading in the ſame County, to bee by them and their Succeſſours for euer employed, beſtowed and vſed in like manner as I haue by this my Will deuiſed and appointed another common ſtocke for the poore in the ſame Towne of Reading, as by my ſayd deuice and diſpoſition before herein more at large expreſſed doth and may appeare.

In like manner alſo my will and meaning is, that in caſe of ſuch non-performance of my will and intent by the ſaide Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the Towne of *Newbery*, the houſe and garden by them ſo to bee purchaſed and built, as aforeſayd, ſhall bee by the ſayde Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the Towne of *Newbery*, and their Succeſſours, conueyed and made ouer by their Deede ſufficient in Law, vnto the Maior, and Burgeſſes of the ſaide Towne of Reading and their Succeſſors for euer, to bee by them ſold and conuerted into money, and the ſame money to bee vſed and emp'oyed in their Common ſtocke for the poore in the ſaide Towne of Reading aforeſayd, in ſuch ſort as I haue formerly hereby expreſſed.

And for the performance of the ſayd truſt and vſes by the ſaid Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbery* aforeſaid, my wil & meaning is, that the ſaid ſum

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of foure thouſand pounds ſo to them bequeathed and deuiſed as aforeſaid, ſhall bee payd vnto them or their Succeſſors in manner as followeth (that is to ſay) One thouſand pounds thereof at the end of one yeare next enſuing after the day of my deceaſe: One other thouſand pounds thereof at the end of two yeares from and after my ſayd deceaſe: And the reſidue beeing two thouſand pounds, ſhall bee payed them at the end of three yeares next after my ſaid deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Company of Drapers of the City of *London* (of which Company I am free) the ſumme of two thouſand and foure hundred pounds, to purchaſe lands and hereditaments to the cleere yearely value of one hundred pounds for euer, ouer and aboue all charges and repriſes: and with the ſame to performe theſe good vſes hereafter mentioned, (that is to ſay)

The ſumme of twenty foure pounds thereof yearly for euer, to bee beſtowed in the moneth of December for the releaſing of ſixe poore Priſoners out of theſe Priſons in *London*, to wit, the two Compters, Ludgate, Newgate, and the Fleete, by foure pounds for each Priſoner.

Or if ſuch cannot bee found in the ſaid Priſons or ſome of them to bee releaſed for theſe ſummes: Then the ſame or the reſidue thereof to bee beſtowed in like releaſing of other Priſoners out of ſome of the Priſons neere *London*, and out of the liberties thereof, as to

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the Wardens of the said Company for the time being shall seeme meet.

More, Twenty pounds yearely for euer to the Curate of the Parish of Saint *Christopher* wherein I now dwell, to reade Diuine Service in the said Parish Church at sixe of the Clocke in the morning euery day of the weeke for euer, in like manner as is now vsed in the Chappell at the great North gate of Saint *Pauls* Church in *London*.

More, To the Clarke and Sexton of the said Parish of Saint *Christopher*, to each of them fifty shillings yearely for euer, to doe their seuerall attendance and assistance at the same diuine Seruice euery morning.

More, To the Churchwardens of the same Parish of Saint *Christopher*, fiue pounds yearely for euer for the maintenance of lights in the winter time.

More, Three pounds yearely for euer to the poore of the said Parish of Saint *Christopher*.

More, To the poore Prisoners in *London* ten pounds yearely for euer: namely, to the Prisoners of the Compters in the Poultry and in Wood-streete, and in Newgate, to each of these Prisons forty shillings yearly for euer.

To the poore Prisoners in Ludgate, and in the Fleet, to each house thirty shillings yearly for euer.

And to the poore prisoners in Bedlem twenty shillings yearly for euer.

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More, To the Clarke of the Company of Drapers aforeſaid for the time being, for his paines herein forty ſhillings yearely for euer.

More, To the Beadle of the ſaid Company thirty ſhillings yearely for euer.

More, to the Beadle of the Yeomanry of the ſame Company ten ſhillings yearely for euer.

More, Fiue and twenty pounds yearely for euer to be diſtributed by the ſaid Wardens among poore religious men and women in the Citie of *London*, to ſome more and to ſome leſſe, as the ſaid VVardens ſhall finde their neceſſity and deſert to bee; wherein my deſire is that poore Cloth-workers and their widowes ſhall bee firſt preferred; and next, the poore of the Drapers Company: The reſidue of the ſaide ſumme of one hundred pounds a yeare, being foure pounds yearely for euer; I entreate the foure Wardens of the ſayd Company to accept for their paines, to be equally diuided betweene them by twentie ſhillings to each of them for the time being yeately for euer.

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And if the ſaid Company of Drapers doe either of purpoſe or negligence, omit, and not performe the premiſſes, but ſhall leaue the ſame vnperformed one whole yeare after they ſhall haue receiued this my Legacy of two thouſand and foure hundred pounds (which I will ſhall be paid them at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe) Then my mind and will is, that the Gouernors of Chriſts Hoſpitall in *London* ſhall recouer the whole two thouſand and foure hundred pounds before ſpecified, or the lands and hereditaments that the ſaid Companie ſhall haue bought with the ſame money; and keepe twentie pounds yearly for euer of the ſame Rent, for the maintenance of the poore Children in the ſaid Hoſpitall, as if the ſame had beene firſt giuen to them; and the Drapers Companie to haue nothing to doe with it, or the reſt of the ſaid hundred pounds yearly for euer.

And that in this caſe the yearly payment of eight pounds vnto the Clarke, Beadles, and Wardens of the ſaid Companie, as alſo 12 pound parcell of the ſaid fiue and twentie pounds a yeare before deuiſed, to be paid and diſtributed by the ſaid Company among poore religious men and women in the Citie of *London*, vtterly and for euer to ceaſe.

But this twentie pounds a yeare being ſo conuerted as aforeſaid, to the vſe of the Hoſpitall, the reſidue of the ſaid yearly Rent of one hundred pounds a yeare I will that the Gouernors of the ſaid Hoſpitall ſhall pay and diſtribute yearly for euer in manner and forme as the ſaid Company of Drapers ſhould haue done.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the ſaid Company of Drapers, one hundred pounds to be paid within a yeare after my deceaſe, and by the Wardens of the ſaid Company to be beſtowed in plate, ſuch as they ſhall thinke good for the vſe of their Common Hall in *London* at their meetings and dinners there.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the poore of Chriſts Hoſpitall in *London* fiue hundred pounds, to bee by the Gouernours thereof beſtowed in Lands and hereditaments, for and towards the yearely maintenance of the children of the ſaid Hoſpitall for euer; this ſumme to be paid to the ſaid Gouernours or the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpitall, as ſoone as they ſhall haue found out a fit purchaſe to beſtow it, and agreed of price for the ſame.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the curing of ſick, ſore, and diſeaſed perſons in S. *Bartholmews* Hoſpitall in *London*, the ſumme of fifty pounds.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the curing of ſick, ſore, and diſeaſed perſons in Saint *Thomas* Hoſpitall in in Southwarke neere *London*, the ſumme of fiftie pounds.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the repairing of the Pariſh Church of Saint *Chriſtopher* where I now dwell, the ſumme of forty pounds, to bee paid to the Churchwardens of the ſame Pariſh, within one yeare after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the repairing of the Cathedrall Church of Saint *Pauls* in *London*, the ſumme of one thouſand pounds, to bee paid to the Chamber-

Chamberlaine of *London*, at ſuch time as that worke of repairing of the ſame Church ſhall be ready to proceed with effect, and to be diſpoſed by the direction and appointment of the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the ſaid Citie.

Item, I giue and bequeath to be giuen at the Mariages of poore maids within the City of *London* two hundred pounds, to be diſtributed by forty ſhillings apeece vpon the daies of their mariage, to ſuch as haue ſerued one Maſter or Miſtris by the ſpace of fiue years together.

Item, I giue and bequeath to be giuen & diſtributed to poore maids in the town of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, at their ſeuerall mariages, by 40 ſhillings apeece, at the diſcretion of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of that towne, the Summe of one hundred pounds: *Prouided*, none enioy the benefit thereof, but ſuch as haue ſerued one Maſter or Miſtris, or Dame, by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares together. This hundred pounds to bee paid to the ſaid Mayor and Burgeſſes for the vſe aforeſaid within one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbery* in *Barſhire*, the ſumme of fiftie pounds, to bee by them beſtowed and diſtributed to twenty fiue Maides of the ſame towne at the ſeuerall daies of their mariages, none to enioy this gift but ſuch as haue well and honeſtly ſerued with one Maſter, Miſtris, or Dame, by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares at leaſt: And this fifty pounds to bee paid to the ſaid Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes within one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the ſetting on worke of fortie idle vagrant boyes, ſuch as goe vp and downe the ſtreets in the City of *London*, begging and pilfering, the ſumme of two hundred pounds, to bee paid to the Treaſurer for the time being of the houſe of correction, called Bridewell in *London*, in manner and forme following: (that is to ſay) When any ſuch Boy is taken vp by my Executor or his Aſſignes in any place within the liberties of this Citie of *London*, and by the Treaſurer of the ſame houſe of correction and Gouernours there for the time being, placed and bound Apprentice with a Maſter for the terme of ſeuen years at the leaſt, with Artmaſters, as Glouers, Pinners, Shoomakers, or any other occupation or art which they ſhall bee thought moſt fit for, to learne in the ſaid houſe, whereby in time they may proue good Members, and liue like honeſt men in the Common-wealth: I ſay, with euery one of theſe boyes ſhall bee paid to the Treaſurer and Gouernour for the time being, for the apparelling and placing of them in that order, the ſum of fiue pounds, vntill the ſaid ſumme of two hundred pounds be fully paid for that vſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the finiſhing of the pinacles of the Steeple of the Pariſh of Saint *Maries* in *Reading* in *Barkſhire*, fifty pounds to be paid to the Churchwardens of the ſame Pariſh within one moneth after the ſaid Pinacles ſhall be finiſhed.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Reading* aforeſaid, the ſumme of

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fiue hundred pounds, to bee firſt lent to theſe parties, and in the ſummes hereafter named, for ſeuen yeares *gratis*: that is, to *Iames Winch* two hundred pounds, and to *Walter Rye*, *Richard Stampe*, and *William Blacknal* Clothiers, one hundred pound a piece, each of them giuing bond with two ſufficient Sureties for repayment thereof to the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes at the end of the ſaid ſeuen yeares. And afterwards the ſame fiue hundred pounds ſhall be lent to tenne ſeuerall honeſt induſtrious poore Clothiers, Freemen of the ſame Towne, by fifty pounds a peece *gratis* for three yeeres vpon like good ſecuritie: And after that in like manner from three yeeres to three yeeres for euer: And no man to haue the vſe of any of this money twice.

But if there ſhall not be Clothiers enough found in the ſaid Towne to enioy this loane in manner aforeſaid, That then the ſaid money ſhall be lent alſo vnto other tradeſmen free of the ſaid Towne, by the ſummes and termes of yeares before laſt appointed, to ſuch as ſet moſt poore people on worke, according to the diſcretion of the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes. And this ſaid ſumme of fiue hundred pounds ſhall be paid to the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes to the vſe aforeſaid, at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the Towne of *Newbery*, in the County of *Berkes*, the ſumme of fiue hundred pounds, to be lent firſt for the terme of ſeuen yeares *gratis* vnto theſe ſeuerall Clothiers here named, (that is to ſay) to *Thomas Newman* one hundred pounds, to *Richard Avery* one

hundred pounds, to *Martin Broaker* fifty pounds, to *William Goodwyn* the elder, fifty pounds; & to his son *Willia Goodwyn* fiftie pounds; to *Timothy Avery* fifty pounds: to *Robert Bacon* fifty pounds, and to *Griffin Forster* fifty pounds; euery of the said seuerall parties entring bond with two sufficient sureties for repaiment of the said seuerall sums to the said Maior & Aldermen, & Burgesses at the end of 7 yeares. And afterwards the same 500 pounds shall bee lent to ten seuerall honest industrious poore Clothiers, free of the said Towne of *Newbery*, by fifty pounds apiece *gratis* for three yeares: And after that in like manner from three yeares to three years for euer: And no man to haue the vse of this money twice. But if there shall not bee Clothiers enough found in the same town of *Newbery* to enioy this loane in manner as aforesaid, then the same money shall bee lent also vnto other Trades-men free of the same towne, by the sums and termes of yeares last before appointed, to such as set most poore people on worke, according to the discretion of the said Maior, Aldermen, and Burgesses, to whom this said fiue hundred pounds shall be paid to the vse aforesaid, at the end of one yeare after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Gouernour, Assistants, and fellowship of Merchant-Aduenturers of *England*, the sum of 900 pounds to be lent by 300 pounds in a parcell for three years *gratis*, vnto three seuerall honest, industrions, and frugall yong men free of that company, none of them being Partners with each others, and euerie of them giuing bond with two sufficient Sureties, to bee tryed and allowed by ballating and not

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otherwiſe, for repaiment of the ſame money to the ſaid Company: And ſo the ſame money to bee lent out by the ſaid Company in this manner from three yeares to three yeares for euer.

And my Will and deſire is, that theſe my fiue preſent Seruants ſhal be vpon ſecurity as aforeſaid firſt preferred to the enioying of this loane, to wit, *William Powle*, *Thomas Newman*, and *Simon Gundy*, the firſt three yeares; and *Andrew Kendrick*, & *Chriſtopher Pack*, the next two parcels that ſhall come in and be receiued in after they ſhall be freemen of that company. And for performance hereof the ſaid nine hundred pounds ſhall be paid vnto the Treaſurer of the ſaid Company in *London* for the time being, at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my brother *William Kendricke* of *Reading* in the County of *Berkes* Clothier, and to his children now borne and liuing, the ſumme of two thouſand pounds, whereof one third part for himſelfe, and the other two third parts for his ſaid children. The ſame two third parts of the ſaid ſum of two thouſand pounds to be equally diuided to and amongſt his ſaid Children, ſhare and ſhare like.

And my will is, that the ſaid two thouſand pounds be paid to my ſaid brother at the end of three yeare next after my deceaſe: And that hee ſhall pay his ſaid children their ſeuerall ſhares thereof aforelimited, (that is to ſay) to his Sonne his ſhare and part when he commeth to the age of twenty foure yeares: and to his Daughter her ſhare and part when ſhe commeth to the

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age of one and twentie yeares, or at the day of her mariage; which ſhall firſt happen.

And if it fortune either of my ſaid brothers children to die or deceaſe before their reſpectiue Legacies aforeſaid ſhall grow due, as aboue; That then the part of ſuch Child ſo deceaſing ſhall accrew and be paid to the Surviuor of the ſaid children at the day and time before appointed.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my ſaid brother *William Kendricke* my Gold Ring which was my Fathers, with the Letters T. K. therein engrauen, and a knot between the ſame Letters.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Siſter *Anna Newman* of *Reading* in the Countie of *Berkes*, the ſumme of one thouſand Markes to be paid vnto her at the end of one yeere next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue vnto the children of my ſaid Siſter *Anna Newman* the ſumme of two thouſand Markes, to bee equally diuided amongſt them ſhare and ſhare like: and the ſhares of ſuch as are alreadie maried (if they bee daughters;) or are foure and twentie yeares of age (if they be Sonnes) to be paid them at the end of one yeare after my deceaſe: and the ſhares of the reſt to be paid to ſuch as be Sonnes, when they ſhall be foure and twenty yeares of age: and to the Daughters at their day of mariage, or when they ſhall come to one and twentie yeares of age reſpectiuely which of theſe ſhall happen to be firſt.

And if it ſhall happen any of the ſaid Children of my ſaid Siſter to die before the age and time

ſo prefixed for payment as afore-ſaid (I meane thoſe that bee yet vnder that age and vnmarried) then my will is, that the ſhare and part of ſuch as ſhall ſo dye, ſhall accrew and bee payd vnto the reſt of the ſame children then ſurviuing, ſhare and ſhare like: And at the dayes and times of payment before appointed, for their owne ſeuerall ſhares and parts.

But my will and meaning is, that *Thomas Newman* Son of my ſaid Siſter, ſhall not haue any part or ſhare of this ſaid legacy of two thouſand Markes; becauſe I giue him a large legacy apart by this my will: therefore the ſayd two thouſand Markes is to be deuided and ſhared amongſt the reſt of the children of my ſayd ſiſter as aforeſaid.

Item, I do hereby abſolutely acquit and forgiue my Brother in Law *Thomas Newman* of *Reading* afore-ſaid, husband to my ſiſter *Anna Newman*, the ſumme of one hundred Markes: which he oweth me by his bond, due the ſecond day of *Nouember Anno dom.* 1623. being all that hee oweth me at the date of this my Will.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Siſter *Alice Vigures* of *Exeter*, the the Country of *Deuon*, the ſumme of fiue hundred pounds, to be paid her at the end of two yeares next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the children of my ſayd Siſter *Alice Vigures*, the ſumme of one thouſand pounds to be deuided equally among them ſhare and ſhare like: and if any of them being Sonnes, be of the age of foure and twenty yeares: or any of them being daughters, bee of the age of one and twenty yeares, or married, then the

ſhare and parts of ſuch reſpectiuelie, ſhal be payed at the end of two yeares, next after my deceaſe; and the ſhares and parts of the reſt ſhall be paid to ſuch as bee Sonnes at their age of foure and twenty yeares; and to ſuch as be daughters, at their age of one and twenty yeares: or at the daies of their marriage, which of them ſhall firſt happen to come reſpectiuely.

But my will and meaning is, that *Symon Gandy* Sonne of my ſayd Siſter *Alice Vigures*, ſhall not haue any part or ſhare of this ſaid legacy of one thouſand pounds, becauſe I giue him a large legacy apart by this my wil: but my meaning is, that this ſaid legacy of one thouſand pounds ſo giuen as aforeſayd, to the children of my ſaid Siſter *Alice Vigures*, ſhall be equally deuided among the reſt of the children of my ſaid Siſter, excluding the ſaid *Simon Gandy* from all part and ſhare of the ſame: and if it ſhall happen any of the ſaid children of my ſaid ſiſter *Alice Gandy* to Die, before the age and time of payments appointed as aforeſaid (I meane when they be vnder that age and vnmarried) then my will and meaning is, that the ſhare and part of ſuch as ſhall ſo die, ſhal be paid and accrew vnto the reſt of the ſame Children ſo ſuruiuing, to each of them equally, and ſhare and ſhare like; and at the daies and times of paiment before appointed, for their owne ſeuerall ſhares, and parts.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my brother *Iames Winch* of *Purley* in the County of *Berks*, and to his children the ſumme of one thouſand pounds, whereof one third part for himſelfe, and the other two third parts for his ſaide children: the ſame two third parts to be deuided e-

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qually amongſt the ſaid children, of my ſayd brother, ſhare and ſhare like.

And my will is, that this ſaid ſumme of one thouſand pounds, ſhall be payd to my ſaid brother *Iames Winch*, at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe, and that hee ſhall pay forthwith vnto ſuch of his children as being ſonnes, and of the age of fower and twenty yeares, and being daughters, are of the age of one and twenty yeares, or married, their ſeuerall ſhares and proportions, of the ſaid two third parts of this ſumme of one thouſaud pounds: the ſhares and parts of the reſt of his children he ſhal retayne in his owne hands vntil his ſayd children being ſonnes, ſhalbee of the age of Fower and twenty yeares, and being daughters ſhall be of the age of one and twenty yeares or bee married, and then ſhall pay euery of them their ſeuerall ſhares and parts reſpectiuely.

And if it ſhall happen any of the ſayd younger children to dye before the time of payment ſo limited as aforeſaid, then my will is, that the part and ſhare of ſuch as ſhall ſo deceaſe, ſhall accrew vnto the reſt of the ſaid children of my ſaid Brother that ſhall then ſuruiue, to be equally deuided amongſt them ſhare and ſhare like, and to be payed at the daies and times before appoynted.

Item, I giue and bequeath to thirty of my pooreſt kindred in the towne of *Reading* in *Barkſhire*, the ſumme of three hundreth pounds, to be payd vnto my brrother *William Kenricke* within three moneths after my deceaſe, and by him to bee deſtributed by ten pounds in euery parcell, as he in his diſcretion ſhall thinke good,

wherein I pray him to bee very carefull to beſtow the ſame where there is moſt neede and beſt deſert.

Item, I giue and bequeath to old *Elizabeth Kenrick* of *Reading*, daughter to my fathers brother *William Kenrick* (as I take it) the ſumme of fifty pounds, to bee payed her within three moneths after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my kinſ-man *Thomas Newman* now reſiding at *Delft* in *Holland*, the ſumme of one thouſand pounds, to be payd him vpon the fiue and twenty day of October, which ſhalbe in the yeare of our Lord God 1626. when his time of ſeruice expireth. Prouided that he remaine with my partner M. *Laurence Halſtead* and ſerue him his ſaid full time.

Item, I giue and bedueath to my kinſ-man and late ſeruant *Simon Gandy*, the ſumme of one thouſand pounds to bee payd him within one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto *Arthur Aynſcombe* Marchant now reſiding at *Antwerp*, who hath a ſhare with me in trade, the ſumme of fiue hundred pounds, to bee paied him within two yeares after my deceaſe. Prouided that he go forward in trade with M. *Laurence Halſtead* (if he the ſaid M. *Halſtead* ſhall deſire it) vnto the end of our contract, which will be the fiue and twenty of October, *Anno Domini* 1626.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Barney Keymes* Marchant now reſiding at *Delft*, who alſo hath a ſhare with me in trade, the ſumme of fiue hundred pounds, to be paied him within two yeares next after my deceaſe. Prouided that hee goe forward in trade with M. *Laurence*

Halſtead (if hee the ſaid M. *Halſtead* ſhall deſire it) vnto the end of our contract, which will be the fiue and twentie of October, *Anno Domini* 1626. as is aboueſaid.

Item, I giue and bequeath to M. *Iohn Quarles* who was my Maiſter, the ſumme of fiue hundred pounds, to to be paid him within a yeare next after my deceaſe. And my earneſt deſire and requeſt vnto M. *Laurence Halſtead* is, that vnto the ende of our contract of Partner-ſhip, which will be the fiue and twenty day of October, *Anno Domini* 1626. The ſame M. *Quarles* may haue his Diet, Lodging, and waſhing, in his the ſaid M. *Halſteads* houſe free and without paying any thing therefore, as he now hath it with me. And my deſire alſo is, that he may continue to keepe the bookes of our partable accompt vntill the aforeſaid twenty fiue day of October, *Anno* 1626. And bee paied his wonted yearely allowance of fifty pounds for the ſame. And I do hereby freely and abſolutely forgiue the ſaid M. *Iohn Quarles*, the ſumme of three hundred pounds, which he oweth me payable at pleaſure, being lent him the laſt of March, *Anno* 1615 and being all that hee oweth me at the Date of this my will.

Item, I giue and bequeath to M. *George Lowe* Marchant, heeretofore my partner, the ſumme of three hundred pounds, to bee payed him within one yeare next after my deceaſe. And I doe hereby abſolutely forgiue him all that is due vnto me for his Lodging, Dyet, Fyring, and waſhing, which hee hath had of me now ſixe yeares together.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Billingſly* ſonne

of Sir *Henery Billingſly* Knight, and Alderman of *London* deceaſed, the ſumme of two hundred pounds, to be paied him within one yeare next after my deceaſe. And I doe abſolutely forgiue him the ſumme of two hundred pounds which he oweth me, by his bond due the twenty of December *Anno* 1625. lent him the twenty of this preſent moneth for a yeare.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Executors of *Thomas Iackſon* of *London* Marchant Deceaſed (whome I take to be *Miles Iackſon* the ſonne of the ſaid *Thomas*) the ſumme of three hundred pounds to bee payd at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Lucas van Peenen* of *Middleburgh* in *Zealand*, ſonne of *Roger van Peenen* of that towne Deceaſed, the ſumme of fifty pounds ſterling, to be made ouer by exchange within two moneths after my Deceaſe, payable at Vſance to *Iohn Mount Stephen* now reſiding in that towne, to bee by him payd ouer to the ſaid *Lucas van Peenen* forthwith after he hath receiued it, in the full Flemiſh ſumme which the ſame ſhall produce.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Ieremias Poets* of the ſaid Towne of *Middleburgh* in *Zealand* (if hee bee the Executor of his brother *Hance Poets* Deceaſed) the ſum of twenty pounds Sterling to bee made ouer by exchange, within two moneths after my deceaſe, payable at Vſance to *Iohn Mount-Stephen* afore-named, and by him forthwith after his receeipt thereof, to be paied ouer to the ſaid *Ieremias Poets*, in the full Flemiſh ſumme which the ſame ſhall produce.

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Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Powle* my couenant seruant the summe of two hundred pounds, to be paid him within six moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Andrew Kenricke* my apprentice the summe of three hundred pounds, to be paied him when he shall haue serued seuen yeares from the commencement of the terme of his Indenture.

More, I giue and bequeath to the saide *Andrew Kenricke* the summe of one hundred pounds, in Lieu of so much giuen me with him by his Father *Iohn Kenricke* to bee paied him within three moneths next after my Decease vpon acquittance to be giuen by his said Father therefore.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto *Christopher Packe* mine apprentice, the summe of one hundred poundes, to bee paied him within three moneths next after my Decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Mayle* my horse keeper, the summe of twenty pounds, to be paied him within two moneths after my Decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my maide *Margaret*, twenty poundes, to bee paied her within two moneths next after my Decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my maide *Dorothy*, twentie pounds, to be paied her within two moneths after my Decease.

Item, I giue vnto *Iohn Hutwith* my drawer, the sum of fiftie pounds, to be paied him within three moneths after my Decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Walter Bird* my Drawer

fiue and twenty pounds, to bee payd him within three moneths after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the preſent men-ſeruants of *Iohn Hutwith* my drawer, the ſumme of fiue and twenty pounds, whereof ten pounds to *Charles*, and the other fiueteene pounds to be equally deuided amongſt the reſt, as well Prentices as Iourny-men, to bee payd within two moneths after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my twelue Cloath-workers that vſually rowe and ſheere my cloaths, the ſumme of one hundred and thirtie pounds, whereof twenty pounds to *Owen Dobbins*, and ten pounds a peece to the reſt, to bee payd within three moneths next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Bigge* and *William Saliſbury*, that vſually preſſe and fold my Cloaths, the ſumme of fiue and twenty pounds, whereof fiuetene pounds to *William Bigge*, and ten pounds to *William Saliſbury*, to be payd them within three moneths next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Porters at the Water ſide ten pounds, to be equally deuided among them, and ten pounds to my Porters that vſually packe in my houſe: to be paid within two months next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Water-bearer three pounds, and to my Waſher *Anthony* fiue pounds, to bee payd them forthwith after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Beadle* of Reading Clothier, the ſumme of fifty pounds, if hee be yet aliue:

aliue: and if hee be dead, then to his Executors, to be payd within three moneths, next after my deceaſe: and I do hereby alſo forgiue the ſaid *William Beadle*, the ten pounds hee now oweth me.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Executors of *Mark Slye* of *Reading* Clothier deceaſed, the ſumme of fifty pounds, to be payd within three moneths next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Newman* of *Newbury* Cloathier, the ſumme of one hundred pounds, to be payd him within three moneths after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Iohn Skinner*, ſecretary to the Merchants Aduenturers, the ſumme of one hundred pounds, to be payd within three moneths next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the widdow *Harriſon* and her daughter dwelling in the Aley next my dweling houſe, fiue pounds to be payd within one moneth next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to Mr. *Richard Bennet* who was heretofore my Partner, the ſumme of three hundred pounds: to bee payd at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to Mr. *William Towerſon Skynner*, Deaputy of the Merchant Aduenturers, fiue pounds, to make him a Ring; and to Mr. *Thomas Smyth Skynner*, fiue pounds to make him a Ring, to be payd them, forthwith after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto *Ralfe Burnet*, *William Ellets*, and *Iohn Southerne* Officers of the Merchant

Aduenturers fiue pounds a peece, to be payd them forthwith after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior and Burgeſſes of the Towne of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, the ſumme of two hundred and fifty pounds, to be payd them at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe, therewith to purchaſe Lands & Hereditaments to the cleere yearely vallew of ten pounds for euer, to maintaine diuine ſeruice to bee ſayd in the Pariſh Church of Saint Mary in that Towne, by the Parſon or his Curat euery morning of the weeke, at ſix of the clocke for euer.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, Alderman, and Burgeſſes, of the Towne of Nuberry in the County of Berks, the ſumme of two hundred and fifty pounds, to bee payd them at the end of one yeare next after my deceaſe, therewith to purchaſe Lands, or Heredaments, of the cleare yearely vallew of ten pound for euer, to maintaine Diuine Seruice to bee ſayd in the Church of that Towne, by the Parſon or his curate euery morning of the weeke, at ſix of the clocke to continue for euer.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my kinſman *William Bye*, dwelling neere the Allum Mines in York-ſhire the ſum of one hundred pounds, to be payd him within three moneths after my deceaſe: and I hereby forgiue him the ten pounds he oweth me by bond due long ſince.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Companie of Drapers in London the ſumme of fortie pounds, to bee beſtowed vpon a dinner for the Liuerie of that Company, to be at their Hall vpon the day of my buriall, this to be payed forthwith after my deceaſe.

And

And my will and meaning is, that in case any of the persons afore-named to whom I haue bequeathed Legacies as aforesayd, and not specially disposed for case of their decease, shall happen to die before the same Legacies grow due: Then the Legacy, or Legacies so by me giuen vnto them as afore-sayd, shalbe payd vnto their Executors or Administrators, at such time as I haue before seuerally appointed vnto them my Legataries. And I doe make and ordaine my louing friend and Partner M. *Lawrence Halstead*, my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament: Charging him as he will answer it before Almighty God at the last day of iudgement, that he truely and punctually in euery particular, performe this my said last Wil and Testament; as I nothing doubt but he will be very carefull to doe. Hereby giuing and bequeathing vnto him my sayd Executor, all the residue and Remainder of my Estate, my Legacies before bequeathed being first paied and discharged. In witnes of the premisses, I haue vnto this my last Will and Testament, contained in eighteene seuerall sheetes of paper put my hand and seale: That is, my seale once at the top, and my name vnder euery seuerall sheete, the day and yeare first aboue written. *Iohn Kenricke*, Sealed, Pronounced and deliuered by the said *Iohn Kenricke*, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of vs, *Iohn Skinner*, *Andrew Kenricke*, *Thomas Singleton.*

Probatum coram Magistro Arthuro Ducke, Legum Doctore Surrogato, &c. vltimo die mensis Decembris, Anno Domini 1624. *Iuramento Laurentij Halstead Executoris, &c. Cui &c. de bene, &c. Iurat.*